

People's Center Redevelopment
Feasibility Study

Community Advisory Meeting #3
2/4/2026 | 5:30-7 PM

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Parks Tacoma acknowledges that we operate on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup and Nisqually Tribes, and on lands with deep significance to other Coast Salish tribes. Coast Salish people have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgement is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

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Community Advisory Ground Rules

1. Value each other's time
2. Respect one another's perspectives
3. Make space for unheard voices
4. Openness to all opinions (every voice counts)
5. Lean into discomfort

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Community Advisory Project Commitments

1. Honor and respect the legacy and history of Hilltop in every project decision.
2. Center the people with fewest options/most barriers as a vital function of People's Community Center.
3. Track what happens to ideas when they are shared in meetings, not just document them.

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Today's Agenda

- 5:30-6 PM Social Hour + Dinner
- 6-7 PM Hybrid Meeting
 - Tech Check for Online Participants
 - Around the Room (10 min) (Manni)
 - Bond + Board Update (10 min) (Terry)
 - Solicitation Process + Draft Review (20 min) (Erin)
 - Questions/Wrap-Up/Next Steps (15 min)



Around the Room

- Share Name & Pronouns
- What is one way you have been connecting with your community during this time?
- How has that practice affected you?



2026 Park Bond Update

- Resolution brought to the Park Board in January
- People's Center Redevelopment set to receive \$15 M in 2026 Parks Bond
- Redevelopment will still require partners and commitment to complete
- General public vote planned for **Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

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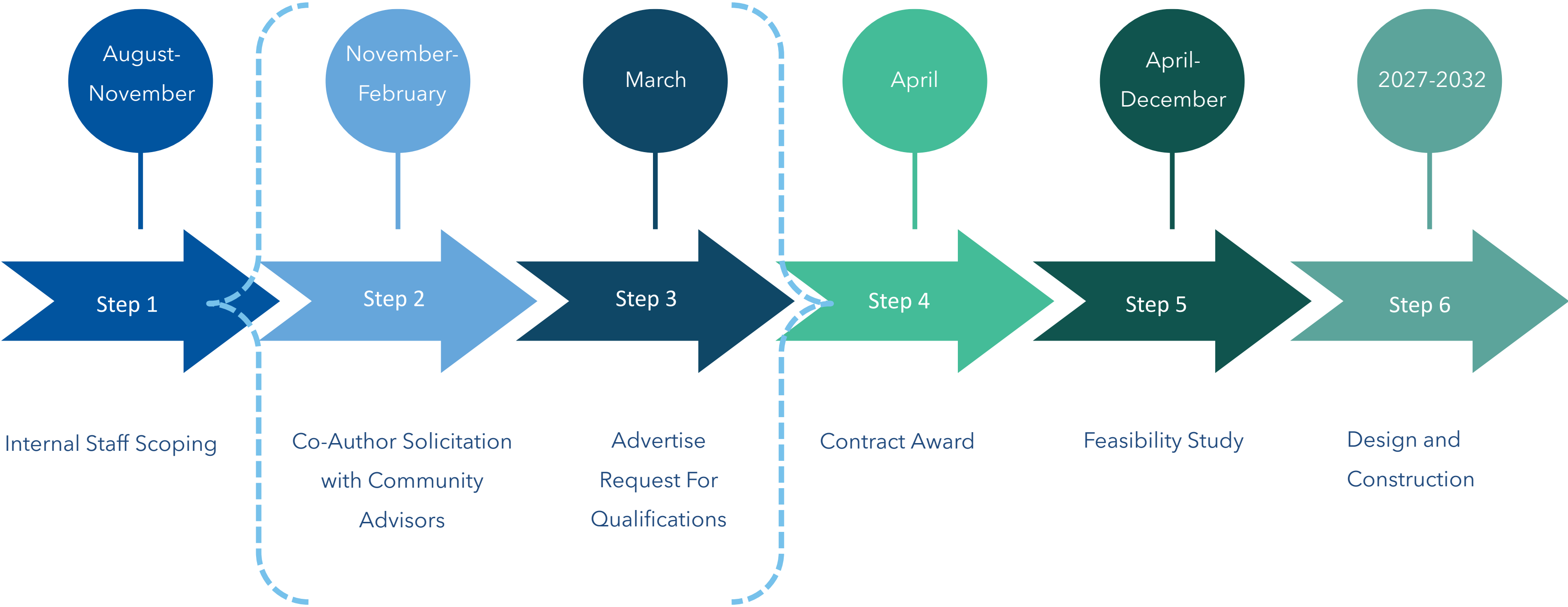
2014 Parks & Zoo Bond Update
Fall 2025

Commerce Funding Update

- Financial agreement for \$50K to support the feasibility study with the City of Tacoma going to Board on 2/9/2026
- Commerce funding will be made available once agreement is approved by the Park Board
- Preparing Request for Qualifications now to be ready to advertise once the contract is finalized
- City of Tacoma will also review solicitation before it is advertised



Project Timeline

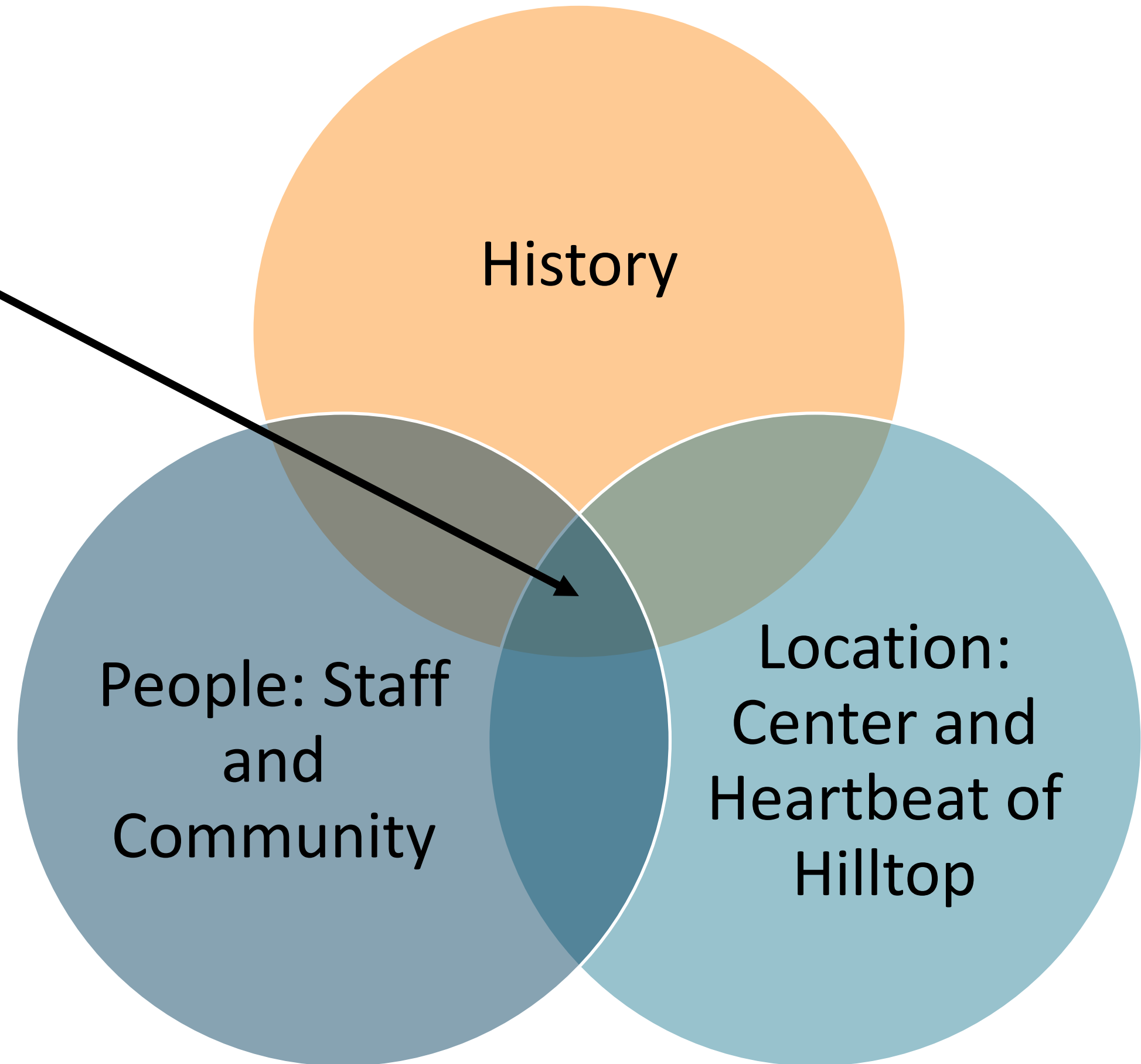


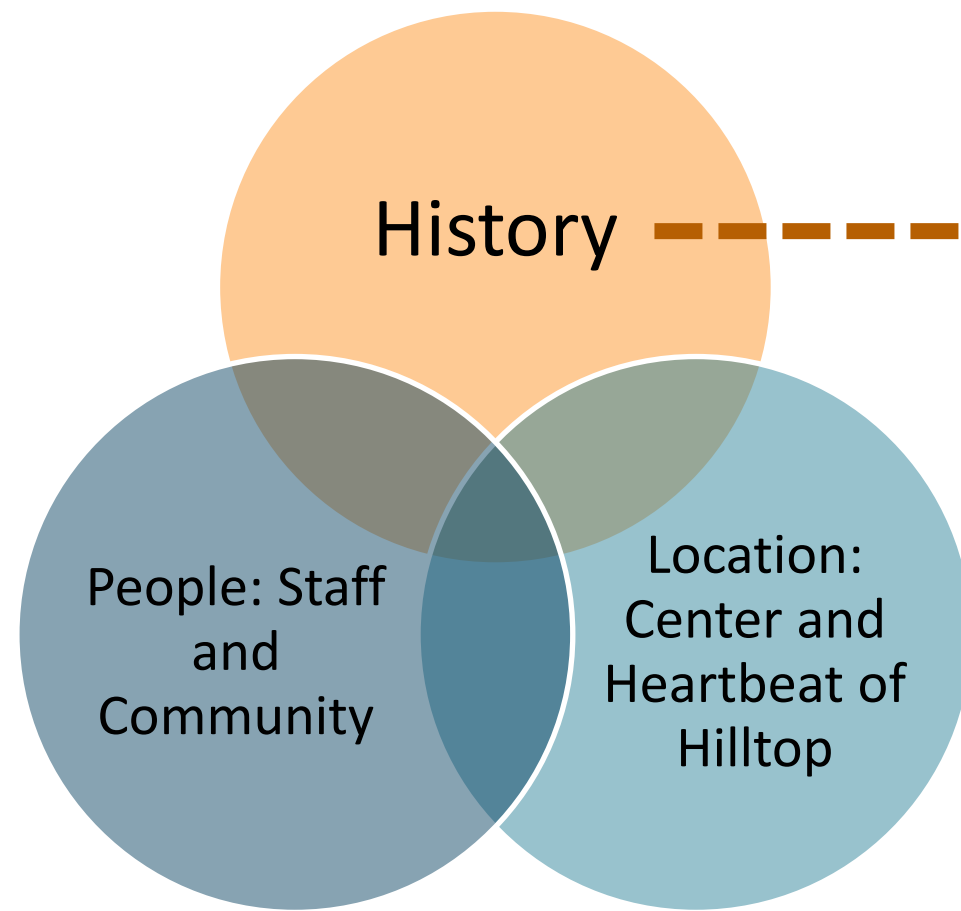
What is in a Request for Qualifications?

- Scope of Work
- Requirements for the Submission
- Evaluation Criteria & Selection Process
- Exhibits/Attachments
 - Record Drawings from Pool Project
 - **Project History, Narrative, Values, and Importance**



**What makes
People's Center
special!**





Project History and Background-Draft Document for Review

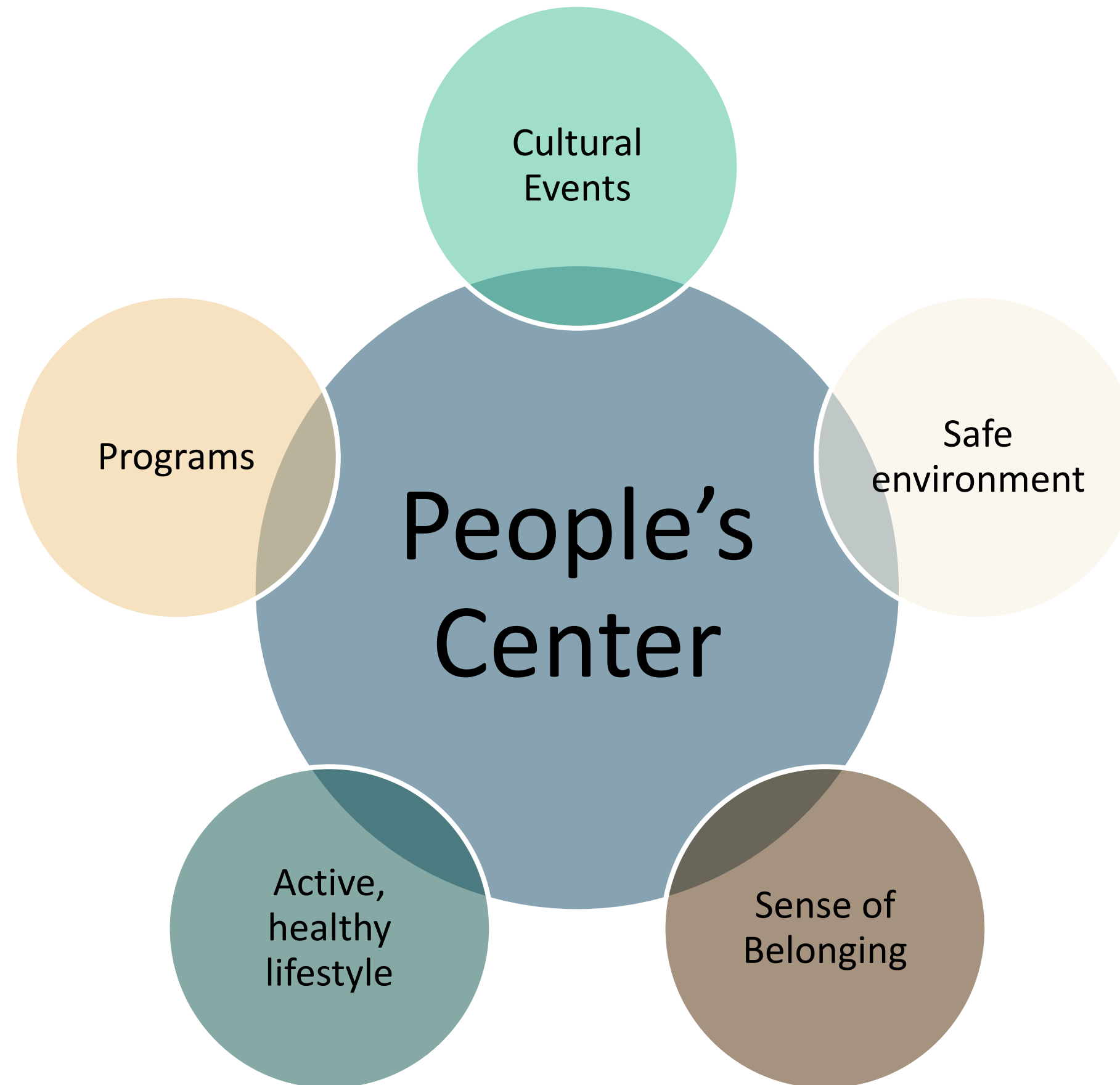
Link (also sent via email): Project History and Background DRAFT

We know history is important and we'd like your feedback. We plan to include this narrative in the solicitation to help set the stage for the project.

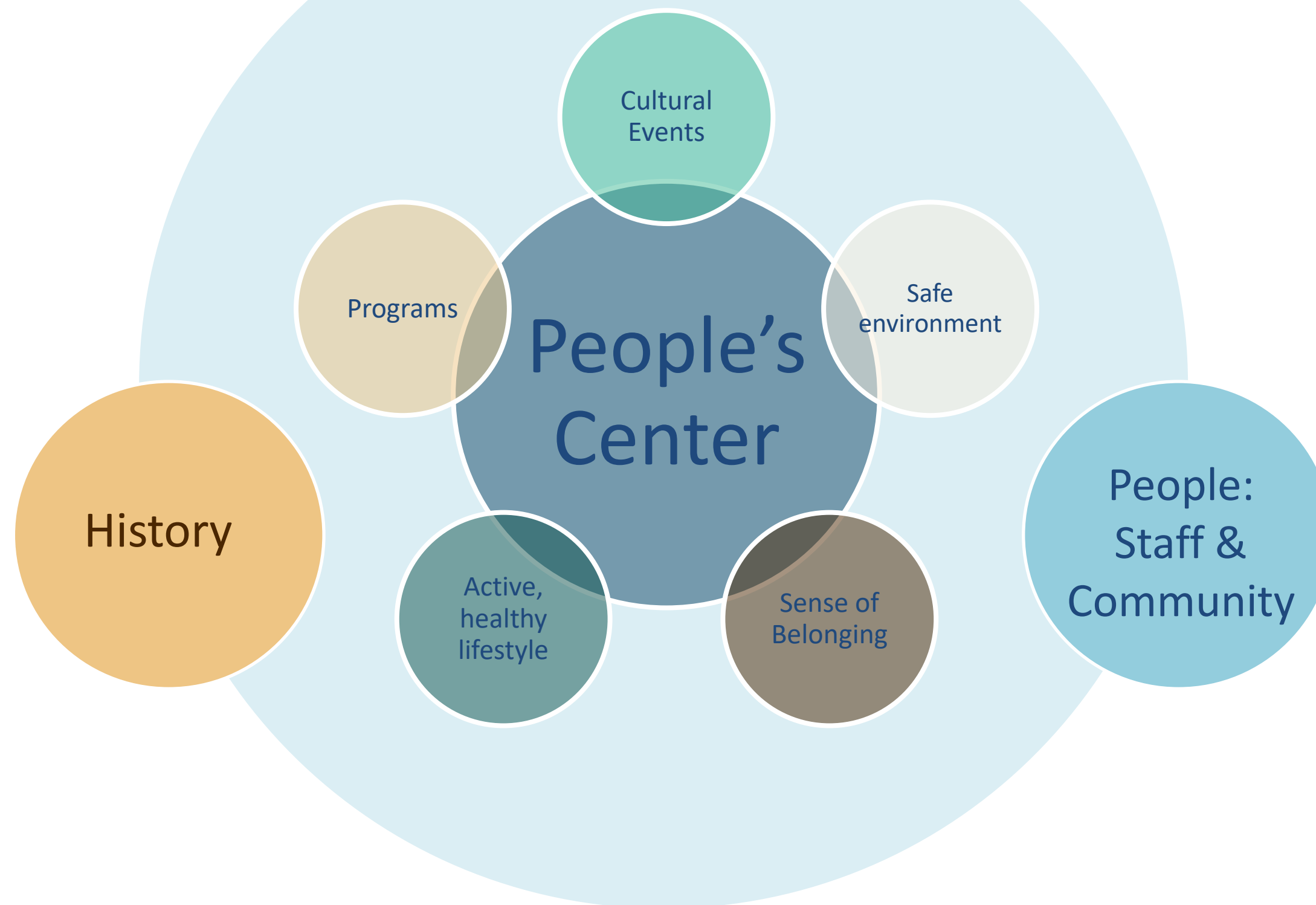
Take 5 minutes and read through. We'll go around the room and share 1 thought with the group afterward.

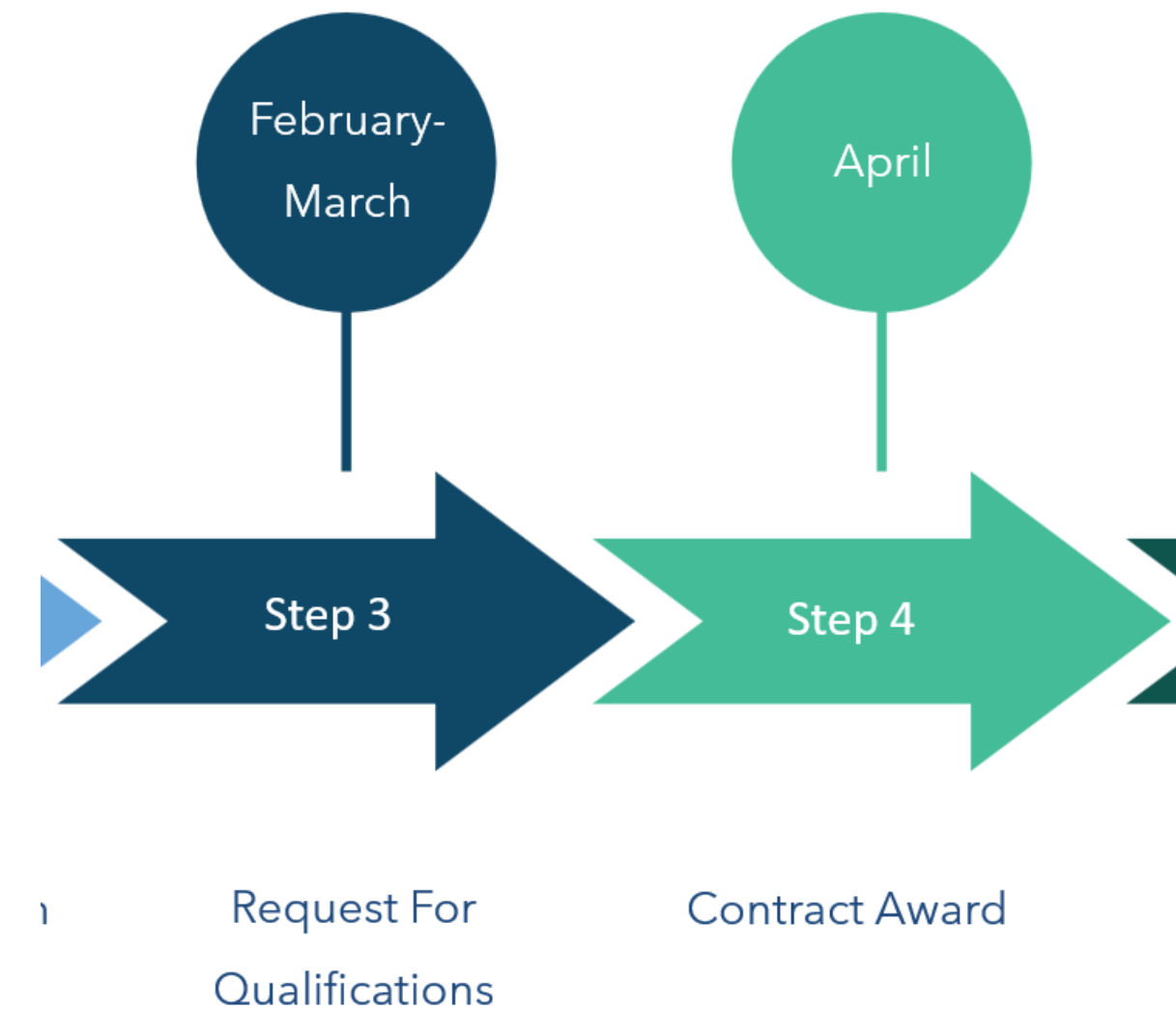


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is important and
has a positive
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Heartbeat of Hilltop





Consultant Selection Participation Opportunity

- Evaluate statements of qualifications and letter of interest/understanding
- Collaborate with Parks Tacoma evaluation panel at consensus meeting
- Potentially participate in an interview with shortlisted firms
- **Expected commitment:** 4 hrs of review in late March, early April; 1 full day for interviews (lunch provided)
 - Consensus meeting with Parks Tacoma staff during the work week.
- Stipend may be available

Next Steps + Asks

- I. Parks staff developing full RFQ
- II. **Community Advisory Group reviews**
 - a. Project Narrative, History comments by Wednesday, 2/25
 - b. Group participant for solicitation process- share if you are interested by Wednesday, 2/25
- III. Next Meeting- Wednesday, March

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THANK YOU!

This presentation, notes, and other documents will be shared via email following this meeting.

Click here:

<https://www.engagepiercecounty.com/peoples-community-center-feasibility-study>



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